

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire October 21, 2005. Proposed amendments are submitted for Claims 1, 5, 11, 15 and 20, and Claim 9 and 19 are cancelled. Upon entry of the proposed amendments, Claims 1-8, 10-18 and 20 will now be pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In paragraph 2 of the present Office Action, Claims 5 and 15 are rejected for lack of antecedent basis for erroneous use of the term "connection port." The term should have been "data port," which is reflected in the present amendment. Applicants now respectfully request that these objections be withdrawn.

Allowable Claims

Applicants note with appreciation that, at paragraph 7 of the present Office Action, that Claims 9, 10 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base/intervening claims. Claims 9 and 10 each directly depend on "housing bay" Claim 1, while Claim 19 directly depends on "method" Claim 11.

In the present amendment, the elements of Claim 9 have been incorporated into its base Claim 1; the elements of Claim 10 have been incorporated into Claim 20 (which claims a computer that has a housing bay that includes all of the features claimed in Claim 1); and the elements of Claim 19 have been incorporated into its base Claim 11.

CONCLUSION

Having complied with all suggestions made by the Examiner to place the pending claims in allowable form, Applicants now respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application, including fees (if any) required by the addition of new claims, to IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0447.

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